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Honorable James Matayoshi, Mayor
Rongelap Atoll Local Government
P.O. Box 1766, Majuro,
Marshall Islands, MH 96960

Dear Mr. Mayor:

James

Thank you for your letter of 4/8/99, in response to our Operations Plan & Schedule for the upcoming environmental mission, advising us of your intention to nominate a representative of RALGOV to accompany our mission. The DOE will be pleased to have your representative observe our activities at Rongelap, if the mission goes forward as planned. (As you know, the visit to Rongelap is contingent upon the RMI's final execution of the MOU).

Your representative's participation will be subject to the usual terms for the support of visitors and outside parties: a billeting and subsistence charge of \$35.00 per day if he/she remains on the chartered vessel. Your party will also have to arrange his/her own travel and ticket costs for AMI to/from Bikini if you desire the person to sail on the vessel. Frankly, RALGOV can save considerable funds by having the person fly to and from Rongelap, and securing subsistence and quarters at RalGov facilities ashore. Your representative would be welcome aboard the vessel during our mission, but practically all of our operations, other than urine collecting/sampling, will be on shore and in the field, on the main island of Rongelap. Therefore, he/she can easily monitor our activities.

DOE/LLNL will, as usual, comply with local ordinances and policies concerning conservation and use of resources. Please advise us of your preference concerning support arrangements, and the name, as well as itinerary, of your representative as soon as possible.

With Warmest Regards,

Bill
William D. Jackson
Manager, Field Operations